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Dear Senator Cohen:

I am responding to your October 18th letter which forwarded the concerns of your constituent, [REDACTED] wrote regarding the fate of Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat kidnapped by Soviet forces in Budapest, Hungary in 1945.

The Soviet government recently agreed to receive and assist an international commission seeking to determine the fate of Raoul Wallenberg. The USSR has agreed to open its prisons and archives to the commission, which includes several former political prisoners and a member of the Russian parliament.

This commission traveled to Vladimir prison in August to investigate prisoners' reports of seeing Mr. Wallenberg in the 1950's and later. We are awaiting the commission's report.

We will continue to press all agencies of the Soviet government to be more forthcoming on Mr. Wallenberg and will continue until they provide a full and satisfactory account of his case. The recent visit by an international commission is a beginning and we hope it will lead to a fuller explanation of his fate.

If we can be of further assistance in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

  
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The Honorable  
William S. Cohen,  
United States Senate.

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